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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2860  
INFO USMISSION OECD PARIS  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EGEN IN CIEC  
SUBJECT: INDIAN VIEWS ON RESUMED PARIS CONFERENCE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 20, MEA OFFICER ARUNDATI  
GHOSH  
REVIEWED PRINCIPAL GOI GOALS FOR CIEC:  
(A) DEBT RELIEF: MISS GHOSH REAFFIRMED INDIA'S COMMITMENT TO  
GOAL OF DEBT CANCELLATION FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--A  
FIGURE SHE  
PUT AT \$70-80 MILLION A YEAR--AND DEBT RESCHEDULING ON IDA  
TERMS FOR MSA'S NOT ALREADY INCLUDED IN LEAST DEVELOPED GROUP.  
SHE GAVE LENGTHY DEFENSE FOR INCLUDING INDIA IN DEBT ACTION,  
AMPHASIZING UNCERTAINTY OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT LARGE  
INFLOW OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE REMITTANCES. COMMERCIAL DEBTS  
WERE NOW EXCLUDED FROM G-19 PROPOSALS IN DEBT FIELD. THIS  
POSITION REPRESENTED COORDINATED VIEWS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN, SHE  
SAID, ADDING  
SRI LANKA WOULD CERTAINLY AGREE. GOI DID NOT, HOWEVER, KNOW  
EGYPTIAN POSITION.

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(B) EXPANDED TRANSFER OF RESOURCES.  
(C) ENERGY: AN ARRANGEMENT TO PROTECT NON-OIL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
FROM THE EFFECTS OF FUTURE INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF CRUDE OIL.

2. MISS GHOSH CONCLUDED THAT WITHOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF  
THESE GOALS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR INDIA TO CONSIDER THAT THE  
CONFERENCE HAD BEEN A SUCCESS.

3. MISS GHOSH ASSERTED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE COURSE OF THE CON-  
VERSATION THAT INDIA HAD NO INTEREST IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE  
UNCTAD COMMON FUND IN PARIS. SHE CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS NOT  
ON THE CIEC AGENDA. SHE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT AT THE  
NACC FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING THE TWO SUBJECTS HAD BEEN  
KEAPT SEPARATE. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD CALLED FOR A RESUMPTION  
OF THE NEGOTIATIONG CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER AND FORESAW NO  
ACTION

BEFORE THEN. MISS GHOSH COMMENTED "WE IN THE GROUP OF 19 ARE  
NOT IN A POSTITION TO CARRY ON THE DISCUSSIONS FOR THE G-77". ON  
THIS SUBJECT IN THE WAKE OF THE GENEVA MEETING.

4. COMMENT : IN QUICKLY ENUMERATING INDIA'S THREE GOALS FOR THE  
CIEC, MISS GHOSH REPEATED A LIST SHE HAD PROVIDED TO A DIPLOMATIC  
COLLEAGUE SIX WEEKS AGO, AND REFLECTED THE SAME PRIORITIES  
AS VAIDYA IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR TURNER IN PARIS  
MARCH 29 (NEW DELHI MEMCON OF MARCH 8 POUCHED TO EB/IFD AND  
OECD PARIS, AND OECD MEMCON OF MARCH 29 POUCHED TO EB/BOSWORTH).  
WHILE IT IS THUS EVIDENT THAT GOI OFFICIALS WORKING ON CIED HAVE  
DEVELOPED A SET OF POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE CONCLUDING PHASE  
OF CIED WORK, THEIR VIEWS ON THE DEBT ISSUE ARE NOT TOTALLY  
CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. LATTER IS  
WELL IN TUNE WITH US VIEW THAT SO-CALLED DEBT PROBLEM IS  
REALLY TRANSFER OF FLOW OF RESOURCES PROBLEM AND THAT DEBT  
RELIEF IS NOT CRITICAL TO MEETING INDIA'S NEEDS. THIS DISPARITY  
WAS REFLECTED IN GHOSH'S COMMENT THAT GOI POSITION IN CIEC WAS  
"MOST EXPLICITLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR POSITION IN THE PARIS  
CONSORTIUM". ON THE OTHER HAND, DOWNPLAYING OF COMMON FUND  
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BY GHOSH AND VAIDYA IS CONSISTENT WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE'S  
AWARENESS THAT FUND--WITH ITS FOCUS ON BUFFER STOCKING--IS  
NOT CRITICAL TO INDIA'S NEEDS.  
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